

THE STATE OF UTAH OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER SALT LAKE CITY

HUBERT C. LAMBERT STATE ENGINEER

MEMORANDUM: For the record

SUBJECT:

Storage Allocations of Beaver River

BY:

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On June 2, 1967, a meeting was held in the Beaver County Courthouse with the representatives of Kents Lake Reservoir Company and the Rocky Ford Reservoir Company to discuss the allocation of storage on the Beaver River System. Those in attendance were:

Name Representing Stanley McKnight Rocky Ford Irrigation Co. Arnold J. Low Kents Lake Reservoir Co. Earl Smith A. F. Woodhouse Edward W. Clyde Attorney Kents Lake Reservoir Co. Foch Parkinson Acle Gillins 11 Leon Paice Clarence Gillins Rocky Fork Irrigation Co. Thurman Eyre and Rulon Eyre Jeff Marshall Sam Hutchings Kents Lake Reservoir Co. M. J. Warr Wm. H. Wood Rocky Ford Board Members B. J. Walker Kents Lake Reservoir Co. Commissioner Lee Strong Hubert C. Lambert State Engineer State Engineer's Office Donald C. Norseth Gerald W. Stoker

The following facts were disclosed in the meeting:

- 1. The gates on Kents Lake and Three Creeks Reservoir had been closed without notification to the Beaver River Commissioner
- 2. That Kents Lake and Three Creeks Reservoirs were being filled at the same time.
- 3. The measuring devices previously directed to be installed by the State Engineer at the Kents Lake diversions had not been installed.
- 4. The mechanics of storage were improper, but evidence that water in these reservoirs should be released was not presented.

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5. Kents Lake Reservoir Company had furnished their flow and storage records to Lee Strong, Beaver River Commissioner, and he is presently receiving them.

Discussion as to procedure for the remainder of this year and for future years led to the development of the following operational plan:

- 1. The Beaver River commissioner would notify a representative appointed by the Kents Lake Reservoir Company when the Beaver River reached 161.31 second-feet so that they could store under their storage applications.
- 2. A representative of the Kents Lake Reservoir Company would notify the Beaver River water commissioner when storage of their direct flow rights should begin. The commissioner would at this time furnish data as to the extent of storage permissible. Gates would then be regulated by the Kents Lake Reservoir Company in accordance with directions from the Beaver River water commissioner.
- 3. The records on inflow and gage height on both reservoirs would be furnished to the commissioner every 3 days.
- 4. During 1968 and 1969, the water available at Kents Lake and on the South Fork of the Beaver River is to be measured by the Kents Lake Reservoir Company. Such measurements would determine the amount of water under controversy and whether an interpretation of an agreement between Rocky Ford Reservoir Company and Kents Lake Reservoir Company by the State Engineer is necessary.

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